

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 321 – SB 1211

February 27, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the purpose of the Division of Protective Services (DPS) within the Department of Safety (DOS) to provide police services by sworn officers in all state-owned buildings, rather than in state-owned buildings located exclusively in Davidson County; and requires the DPS to oversee the state facility protection officer program in conjunction with the Commissioner of the DOS, or the Commissioner's designee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Expanding the number of commissioned officers statewide may increase state expenditures; the extent and timing for which cannot be reasonably determined but is assumed to be within the annual expenditures under the current contract. Any possible changes to future contract costs will not be incurred until January 1, 2020.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by DOS, this bill will allow the department to commission and appoint peace officers, who are employed with a vendor under contract with the state of Tennessee statewide instead of solely in Davidson County.
- The current contract payment methodology includes a \$25.64 per hour payment for each *facility protection officer*. It is unknown how many additional officers will be commissioned across the state or the amount of hours each newly commissioned officer will be required.
- Additionally, the current contract requires the contract vendor to cover all costs related to firearms, ammunition, maintenance and all costs related to armed officers.
- While an exact fiscal impact cannot be determined, it is assumed the annual expenditures under the current contract will not be significantly increased under the provisions of the bill as amended.
- The provisions of the bill may result in additional costs of any future contracts to provide armed officers at facilities statewide. Any additional costs will be dependent on the results of the procurement process and will not be incurred until January 1, 2020.
- The bill also requires the DPS to oversee the state facility protection officer program in conjunction with the Commissioner of the DOS. Based on information provided by the DOS, any increase in state expenditures to oversee the program is estimated to be not significant.

- The Department of General Services and the Department of Human Resources both report the provisions of the bill will not have a fiscal impact on departmental operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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